

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates Examiner's comments during a telephone conversation on October 14, 2004. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant has included the features of claim 5, which was rejected only under double-patenting, in claim 1. It is Applicant's understanding that the present After-Final Amendment will be entered.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10 and 13-17 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is hereby amended to incorporate features of claim 5. Claim 6 is hereby amended to depend on claim 1. Claim 5 is hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10 and 13-16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting type as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of Application No. 09/749,318 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,733,862) and claims 1-26 of copending Application No. 09/796,942. Applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer for each of above-noted patent and application, respectively, thereby obviating the double-patenting rejection.

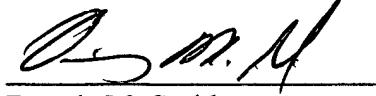
Claims 1-4 were rejected as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,623,924 to DeWinter et al. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is obviated by the present amendment.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and the allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10 and 13-17 in this application are respectfully requested.

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